GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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IMPORT OF SOLAR CELLS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken note that import of solar cells from certain countries has affected local manufacturers in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to levy anti-dumping duty on imported solar cells;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the other steps taken by the Government to protect the interest of local manufacturers in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

(a) & (b): The Designated Authority (Director General of Antidumping & Allied Duties) in the Ministry of Commerce & Industry in its findings dated 22.5.2014 has stated inter alia that Imports of Solar Cells, Modules or Panels, Thin Films (hereinafter referred to as 'subject goods') from China PR, Chinese Taipei, Malaysia and USA (hereinafter referred to as 'subject countries') are at dumped prices and have caused material injury to the domestic industry. The Designated Authority has further stated in its findings that having established positive dumping margin as well as material injury to the domestic industry caused by such dumped imports, imposition of definitive anti-dumping duty is required to offset dumping and injury and accordingly recommended to the Government for imposition of definitive anti-dumping duties ranging from US$ 0.11 per watt to US$ 0.81 per watt on the imports of the subject goods from subject countries.

(c) & (d): The above recommendations of the Designated Authority are under the consideration of the Ministry of Finance, Government of India.

(e) The other steps taken by the Government to protect the interest of the domestic manufacturers are:

(i) There is a provision of Domestic Content Requirement (DCR) stipulated in various schemes of JNNSM wherein solar power developer has to source cells and modules from domestic manufacturers;

(ii) Input raw-materials required for manufacturing of solar cells and modules are exempted from custom/excise duty.